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**Ex-French Official Carries
A Reporter's Statement**

By Jacques Soustelle,

Former Vice Prime Minister of France

In an article published in the New York Times under the title "CIA Plot in Algeria," I stated that I met Richard Goodwin Smith, one of the CIA's top executives, in Washington on Dec. 10, 1961. I stated at length the substance of our conversation.

Although I had previously, in 1958, written a book in which I did not mention the CIA, I had met CIA officials during my tenure as French Minister of States, in 1958, and in 1960. I was then in the United States, in the city of New York, on the occasion of the Algerian crisis. I was in Paris, however, in 1961, and I did not meet Mr. Smith or other CIA officials in any of the places where they were known to be. The Algerian situation with CIA officials was spread, for various political reasons, by a notorious Algerian agent, left Paris weekly after the abortive attempt of Gen. Challe in April 1961, and he was at Gen. Challe's side at that time.

I was a reporter for the fact that I wrote in so long after the publication of Mr. Smith's article, which was sent to me by a friend only recently.

Le Monde, Paris, April 10, 1962.

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